

INDIAN CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

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Introduction

The childhood phase in every person's life is vulnerable as the physical and mental development is not finished. At this stage a child is in need of constant parental care and a protective environment. But the children on the streets live in most vulnerable situations where they are subjected to parental neglect and social exploitation. The Indian Centre for Integrated Development (ICID) with its committed team has sought to tap renewed enthusiasm to help these children which enables them to make right choices at right time, providing a platform to lead successful and healthy lives. ICID believed that every child on the street was a unique human being with specific needs and hence works on the principle of best interest of every child with the promotion of physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual well being through various programs.

In the fiscal year 2014-15, ICID has endeavored to work towards sustainable development of youth and women from disadvantaged situations through livelihood trainings and initiatives through Nirmaljyothi, Manini2 and Deepshikha programs. The home management, social and legal protection trainings had a convincing impact on the women especially from the rural areas.

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Much has been achieved during the reporting period. I am glad to present the following annual activity report along with the achievements and challenges.

Yuvajyothi Children's Home (YCH)

The primary aim of the YCH was the care and protection of children in disadvantaged situations from abuse, exploitation and violence and provides them with a protective environment for a dignified living and integral development. All the activities implemented during the year were to ensure integral health of the children, to strengthen their psycho-social skills, promotion of main stream formal education, building their capacity for the reintegration into the family and society and build their skills for their sustainable livelihood. YCH catered for 49 children during the year. Thirty eight boys lived in YCH and six girls were sponsored for the living and formal education and four boys and a girl was sponsored for the education. YCH provided services like accommodation, food, clothing, health and hygiene facilities, counselling, recreation, sports, education, tuitions, celebration of festivals, picnics, exposures, vocational training and livelihood opportunities. The activities of YCH are illustrated below.

Education

Forty nine children under the care of YCH availed the educational facilities from six different schools in the city. They were provided with special coaching classes for their respective subjects. The volunteers from Make A Difference took special effort in supporting the boys for English, Maths and Science subjects. All the children performed satisfactorily in their respective classes. Six children achieved A1 grade ((90-100%), 4 of them achieved A2 grade (80-90%), 10 of them achieved B1 grade (70-80%), 11 of them achieved B2 grade (60-70%) and 18 of them achieved C1 grade (50-60%). Most of the children also took active participation in the extracurricular activities in the schools like sports, karate, painting, debate, essay writing and cultural activities. During the year nine children were honoured with medals and prizes. Library facility boosted the children to cultivate the habit of reading books.

Counselling

Besides education YCH with his experienced team endeavoured to provide counselling in order to bring mental stability in the children. Some of the children showed the symptoms of behavioural problems like aggression, anxiety, attention deficiency, stealing, substance abuse, feeling of insecurity, quarrelling, laziness etc. All the children were given support to cope with difficulties and overcome the problems.

Sports and games

Sports becomes a big push among the children as it kept their minds and bodies fresh, energetic and healthy and instilled team spirit in them. Children were educated about the importance of sports and games. During the year children enjoyed playing football, cricket, kabaddi and kho kho. All the YCH boys were registered with sports body named Kridaprobodini at the indoor stadium of Maharashtra Government for training in athletics and other sports. 10 boys participated in the district level athletic competitions. The children were also provided with carom boards, chess, snake and ladder, bingo and other indoor games.

Life Skill Education

A total of six life skill sessions were organized by the team for the children during the year. The sessions focused various life skills such as self awareness, relationships, social responsibility and cooperativeness, empathy and caring for others, communication, decision making, coping with emotions and stress and conflict resolution. The sessions were interactive with role plays, charts, power point presentations and movies. The children were found to have fair understanding of the skills.

Ten adolescent boys participated in a 7 days life skill education camp organized by Samarpan organization in the month of September 2014 based in Nagpur which also focused on critical and creative thinking, decision making, problem solving and handling emotions.

A half day training program was organized in the month of October 2014 for the adolescent children on sex and sexuality. The topics like secondary sex characteristics, attraction towards opposite sex, homosexuality, bed wetting, masturbation etc were dealt with. They were also sensitized about being responsible towards their sexuality to protect themselves from STDs and HIV infections.

Two life skill education sessions were conducted by the Make A Difference volunteers on goal setting and being responsible in the month of January 2015.

Computer Classes

The children were regularly engaged in computer classes. They were very excited to learn computers especially the painting. The YCH team took this opportunity to teach some of the children the basics of language and maths through software programs.

Child Parliament

YCH had an active and vibrant child parliament with a number of ministers with their respective portfolios including education, health, discipline and sports. The parliament held its sessions every Saturday evening. The ministers presented their reports and reviewed the functioning of YCH. The members questioned the ministers if their ministries did not function well. The children took a number of decisions for the smooth running of YCH, an important aspect of their participation in their own growth and development.

Festivals

YCH is a home for all the religions without any discrimination based on religion, caste or creed. Various festivals like Diwali, Pola, Holi, Raksha Bandhan, Bakri Eid, Ramzan, Ambedkar Jayanti, Buddh Poornima, Christmas and Easter were celebrated with enthusiasm and zeal. On every festival celebration, the festive importance was informed to the children.

National Days

In order to instil patriotism, love and responsibility towards the country the Independence and Republic days were celebrated in the YCH. Both the days the children gave patriotic speeches and sang patriotic songs. Importance of the days was disseminated to the children in detail by the director and the team.

Picnics

YCH organized two picnics, one to High Land Park in the month of August 2014 and another to Rama dam at Bhorkedi in the month of February 2015. These were the occasions to relax and refresh. Children enjoyed the ground and water games, singing, sweets, food and snacks.

Exposures

Some of the children of YCH visited a radio station named Radio Mirchi in the month of February 2014 and interacted with the personnel of the radio station. Their interview was aired by the Radio Mirchi.

YCH children participated in the painting competition and the rally organized by Nagpur CHILDLINE on Universal Children's Day on 20th November 2014.

Dream Camp

The YCH children participated in a 'three days' adventure camp organized by Make A Difference in the month of January 2015. The sessions were conducted on the themes like 'beautiful you', 'river of life', 'art challenge', 'dreams come true', 'anchors', 'self esteem' guilt and included activities like cooking with limited resources, adventurous activities, face painting, zumba and aerobics and trekking. For children it was a great learning experience and an enjoyable event of the year.

Summer programs

The YCH team organized a 'three weeks' summer program for the children. The children underwent a well planned personal development oriented participative summer program. The summer program included meditation, athletic training, literacy classes, painting, dance classes, team building games, skill building activities and educational films. The children showed keen interest in all these activities.

Art of Living Camp

The YCH children participated in a 'four days' art of living camp organized by the Art of Living Foundation in Nagpur. The camp focused on the aspects of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being with wide-range of fun filled activities. The camp also emphasised on yoga, breathing exercises and vegetarian food. The children showed keen interest in all the activities.

Other Celebrations

Acknowledging the presence and importance of every child and team member of YCH, birthdays were celebrated with affection. A number of friends of YCH celebrated their children's birthdays in the home and gave sweets and nutritious food for the children. The YCH also celebrated Mothers' day, Fathers' day and teachers' day conveying the children the significance of the days.

Nirmaljyothi: Breaking the chain of beggary: Education, skill building and sustainable livelihood opportunities for children, youth, and women in beggary and rag picking

The ICID, ever since its inception has been incessantly striving to instil self-worth and human dignity in the children from the disadvantaged communities. The organization has done a commendable work of drastically decreasing the school dropout rate and increasing tremendously the attendance rate of children who otherwise would be engaged in begging and rag picking. The project supported by the Dare2Dream Foundation Inc, North Adelaide, South Australia, has been a blessing for the Mangarodi, Gond and Wadar communities as it focused on providing sustainable livelihood opportunities for young people and women, along with education and skill building of children and young people. The project team has worked hard in the last nine months of the project to materialize its goal - 'improved sense of self-worth and empowered for a dignified living through education, skill building and sustainable livelihood opportunities'.

Awareness and Sensitization

The team members found this activity very important in order to reach out to the target community. They paid visits to 226 families during the nine months of the project, through which they regularly sensitized the families about various issues related to children, youth and women. They motivated parents and children to avoid rag picking, to give emphasis on regular schooling and stop school drop outs. The main reasons behind school drop outs were life threatening poverty and lack of interest in schooling. They were also encouraged to attend classes conducted by the students of St. Charles Seminary. Five children were readmitted in school and motivated to continue their schooling. The team also encouraged the youth to participate actively in the vocational trainings and other programs of the project aimed at their development. Due to the

regular presence of the team there was 100 per cent immunization of children in the target communities.

Crèche

Crèche was well appreciated by the mothers of young children as their children needed day care facilities and to be prepared for the main stream schooling. A total of 37 children aged 3 to 6 were part of the crèche program aimed at learning, physical wellbeing, confidence building, increasing curiosity and creativity in them.

Tuitions

A list of academic underperforming children was prepared by the team. Regular coaching was provided to 18 children focusing on subjects like Maths, Science and English. Tests were taken and the children showed gradual progress in their learning.

Library

A total of 142 children, youth and women accessed library facilities at the centre. Children took interest in reading story and general knowledge books. Young women showed keen interest in reading books on beauty care, cooking and dress designing.

Recreational, Hygiene and Health Facilities

The recreational facilities were accessed by 117 children. Hygiene and health facilities were accessed by 43 children. Children with ill health were referred to government hospital. Seven major medical cases of accidents, dengue and sickle cell were provided with medical assistance from the organization.

Many of the children from the target community required supplementary nutrition to remain healthy. A total of 67 children received supplementary nutrition at the centre. Their height and weight was regularly monitored and it was observed that 17 undernourished children gained weight and made a considerable improvement in their health.

Parent -Teacher Meeting

Nine, parent – teacher meetings were organized over the year, emphasizing the need for clear communication with the parents. The issues discussed with parents were irregular schooling of the children, health and hygiene, medical care, children dropping out of school, and children accompanying the parents/adults for begging.

Life Skills Education

Four life skill education programs were organized with the participation of 62 children with the support of ICID team. The children and young people of the target community lacked the opportunity for learning healthy living, positive outlook of life and risk free behaviour. The project team during the life skill training focused on healthy living, building self-worth/confidence, responsible living, interpersonal relationships, peer pressure and other aspects of young life. Various interactive methods such as puppet shows, videos, games, storytelling and role plays were used. Regular feedback and follow up was done.

Child Right Protection Advocacy

A number of sensitization visits were organized in schools, the police station, and centres of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), in order to deal with child protection issues. The project team organized 12 advocacy visits in the schools of the project area and held meetings with

the teachers. To commemorate Children’s Day on 14th November 2014, a signature campaign was organized at Gittikhadan Police station. Children took active participation in the interactive session organized with the police.

Advocacy to Implement Government Schemes

The project team informed the community members at various forums regarding the available government schemes and urged them to have access to such schemes. The team paid 6 visits to the ICDS centres and guided 28 adolescent girls to utilize the nutrition and medical facilities that are available. The team also visited the food and civil supplies department (provision of essential commodities at a subsidised rate for poor) and interacted with the officials in order to facilitate access of the facilities by the target communities. The communities were orientated regarding the procedures involved in getting the required registrations. The team also networked with other local government departments including municipal offices for unique identification numbers and below poverty line registration.

National Days, Festivals and Other Celebrations

Independence (15 August) and republic (26 January) days were celebrated with great enthusiasm in order to instil in children love and respect for the country and fellow citizens. Children, youth, women, community leaders and the project steering committee participated in the program.

Festivals such as Rakshabanhan, Makarsankranti, Holi and Christmas, were celebrated with the communities.

Training in Home Management

63 young women participated and benefitted from the home management training organized in the centre in the project area. Sessions were conducted on nutritional diets and supplements, personal care (skin care and health care) and income generation activities that the participants could initiate. The sessions were conducted by an expert Ms. Chetna Chendurle and facilitated by Ms. Treeza Arrow.

Vocational Training

Under this activity a total of 114 youth and women were trained in different trades. 52 women were trained in tailoring, 10 members of the community were trained in the production of liquid soap and phenol, 20 of them were trained in the production of detergent powder, 20 were trained in candle making, 11 were trained in hand bag making and one youth was enabled to drive a motor vehicle.

Sl. No.	Trade	No. of beneficiaries		Total	No. of beneficiaries practising trade	Monthly income in INR/month/person (Approx)
		Male	Female			
01	Tailoring	00	52	52	12	5000
02	Hand bag making	01	10	11	05	4000
03	Phenol and liquid soap	01	09	10	05	3000
04	Detergent powder	06	14	20	05	2500
06	Driving	01	00	01	00	NIL
	Total	09	85	94	27	

Livelihood Opportunities

Seven women from the target community have been supported with INR5000.00 each for income generation activities (IGP). All of them have initiated IGP activities in their homes. One of the beneficiaries has undertaken the sale of bangles, imitation jewellery and garments; two of them the sale of vegetables and two have purchased tailoring machines for work. Fifteen of the women who underwent training in tailoring have begun stitching cushion covers, women's clothing and cloth bags for the sale in local markets.

Sl.No.	Name of the beneficiary	Amount given in INR	Trade	Income/month (Approx)
01	Farzana Sheikh	5000	Bangles shop	5000
02	Mohini Mahajan	5000	Imitation jewellery	5000
03	Tamiza Tabassum	5000	Clothe Store	8000
04	Uma Landge	5000	Vegetable shop	4000
05	Ashvini Alone	5000	Vegetable shop	4000
06	Ranjana Rangari	5000	Tailoring	3500
07	Priti Jambulkar	5000	Tailoring	3500
	Total	35000		

Project Steering Committee

The project steering committee was set up in the month of September 2014. The committee consisted with five women and two men, nominated based on the recommendations of the target communities. The committee met every month to discuss the activities and issues related to the project implementation.

Manini 2: For increased economic independence among rural women through sustainable livelihood opportunities

There has been an incredible increase in the status of women in the world. Women are playing an active role in all the fields. Increased literacy has brought about greater independence among them. Nevertheless, at the same time the situation of the women in most rural parts of India is not as sound as of the women in the cities. The Manini 2 project was initiated in the village Bothali, of Nagpur district, to increase economic independence of the women through sustainable livelihood interventions. The project has made an impact in the lives of women by increasing rights awareness, enhancing their skills and knowledge, and for 23 women and their families, initiating an income generating activity of goat rearing. We appreciate and acknowledge the contribution of our partners, Dare2Dream Foundation Inc, South Australia in this small but very valuable initiative. The following are the activities implemented during the reporting period.

Motivational and Sensitization Visits and Meetings

The project team paid a number of visits to the project village in order to build rapport with the community and win their trust in the initial phase of the project. The team met the village leaders and discussed about the project activities, who extended their support and cooperation. The team organized four motivational and sensitization meetings with the participation of 58 women. They were orientated regarding the need to empower themselves and their families through various social and economic initiatives in their village. The team members stressed the focus on the steps

to be taken towards the sustainable development of the women and their families. The women showed keen interest in goat rearing as an income generating activity, deemed the most viable option for the village. With the support of the village leaders, 23 women were identified.

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) consisting of five members from the village was formed in the month of September 2014. The members were orientated about their roles and responsibilities in implementing the project activities and taking it towards sustainability. The PSC members have been actively participating in the meetings and also in the implementation of the project activities.

A few programs were organized in order to build rapport with the beneficiaries. A rangoli (drawing with colours on the floor) training was organized for young women in the village in October 2014.

A cleanliness drive was organized in the village by the project team with the participation of about 100 children, parents and PSC members on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October 2014. The children made the village waste free and took out a rally with placards, giving cleanliness messages to the villagers.

Training in Home Management

Forty women participated in the 'two days' training in home management held in the month of January 2015. An external resource person conducted sessions on personal care, beauty care, nutrition, family health, child care, family budgets with view on reducing the family expenses and making detergent. The participants were very happy with the training as it gave them new insights and learning. Most of the women have begun practising their learning especially related to personal care, family health and nutritious diet preparation.

Livestock Upkeep Training

The livestock upkeep training was organized for the 23 women beneficiaries in the month of January 2015. A veterinary doctor from a government institute was the resource person of the day. He guided the women regarding care and management of livestock, feed management, vaccination and prevention of various types of diseases, breeding and care of pregnant goats. It was observed that the participants got a fair understanding of the livestock management and related aspects.

Social and Legal Protection Training

A 'one day' training session was organized for female youth and women in the month of February 2015. It was a suggestion from the women of the target village that the topic of the sessions be domestic violence. 43 women and female youth participated in the training. An external resource person was invited to conduct the sessions. As per the suggestions of the participants, the resource person dealt with subjects like rights of women, protection from dowry system, divorce related issues, rights of widows and separated women and protection from eve teasing, exploitation and abuse. It was observed during the feedback that the women were now more aware concerning their rights. They were made aware of the differences between marital responsibilities and marital exploitation.

Promotion of Livelihood Interventions

It was during the motivational meetings the women of the village strongly voiced that under livelihood interventions goat farming would be one of the most viable activities in the environmental conditions in the village. The PSC members played a big role in selecting the first beneficiaries to receive goats under this project activity. 23 women were selected to carry out goat

farming activity. The PSC members suggested that the goats be purchased from the local markets. With the assistance of the PSC, 46 goats were purchased, with each of the 23 beneficiaries receiving two goats in the month of November 2014. A written agreement was signed between each beneficiary and the project director, with conditions framed by the PSC, including proper care of the goats and female kids to be handed over to other beneficiaries in the village, not to be sold for 4 years from the date of procurement, handing over first two female kids littered by the goats to the other beneficiaries as identified and approved by the PSC. During the reporting period the goats with beneficiaries littered 23 male kids and 9 female kids. The female kids will be handed over to the newly identified beneficiaries once the kids complete four months.

Teacher's Day and Children's Day Celebration

In order to build rapport with the school and the parents in the village, teachers' day and children's day was celebrated in the village school with the support of the PSC.

On 5th September 2014, the team, with the participation of the school children, organized a program for the teachers. A number of games were conducted for the teachers. The children staged a cultural program for their teachers.

On 14th November 2014, child right protection posters were exhibited in the village. Games stalls were organized for the children where they could play and win prizes. Children also staged a cultural program. A sizeable number of parents and teachers witnessed the program.

Life Skill Education Program

The Life Skill Education Program was organized for the adolescent girls in the village on 20th October 2014. 'Being responsible during pubertal changes' was the theme of the program. The participants were given inputs on the theme with the aid of role plays, games and posters. The participants cleared their misconceptions regarding menstruation cycle and psychological and physical changes.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated on 10th March 2015 in the project village. Ms. Mamta Bhandarkar was the resource person, who spoke to the women on their rights. Mrs. Meera D' Souza spoke on women empowerment and the need for the girl children to be educated.

CHILDLINE

Case Interventions

The CHILDLINE team intervened in a total of 171 cases – Medical 69, Shelter 17, Restoration 4, Rescue from abuse 19, Sponsorship 19, Child labour 3, Child lost 6, Parents asking help 10, Emotional support and guidance 17, Not Located 2 and Unclassified 5.

Grass roots level outreach with children and concerned adults

CL team covered a population of over 9302 through 633 individual and group outreach programs in 54 slum communities falling under Zone No. 7, 9 and 10 of Nagpur city. The methods used during the outreach were distribution of stickers and posters, one to one and one to group interactions, ice breaking activities with children, group discussion with children, parents, teacher and community members, organizing competitions for the children such as games, drawing, songs, storytelling and sharing of CHILDLINE cases.

Open House programs with children

A total of 12 open house programs were organized for the children during the year. 170 children participated in the open house programs where they were made aware of child rights, child abuse, sanitation, adolescent health and reasons and repercussions of school dropout, methods of study, poverty and alcoholism.

Commemoration of International Day against Child Labour

Child Labour Day was observed on 12th June 2014. Combined outreach with labour department and CHIDLINe was conducted in the Itwari market area. Shop owners were sensitized and convinced not to employ children in their shop.

Sensitization on Child Sexual Abuse

Sensitization program was organised at Bharat Mata School, Shende Nagar, Nagpur on 24th September 2014. Children and teachers were sensitized on the child sexual abuse issues. They were explained what was CSA and related laws. At the end of the program question and answer session was held where CHIDLINe team answered a number of questions asked by the children.

CHIDLINe Se Dosti Week

CHIDLINe se Dosti week was observed from 14th to 20th November 2014. On 14th November 2014, a signature campaign was organized at Gittikhadan Police station. Children took active participation in the interactive session organized with the police. The children asked various questions on the issues of child protection and the role of the police. The station in charge, Police Inspector Mr. Sunil Bonde gave a detailed explanation to the children on the issues and the role of the police in child protection. He also illustrated how the children need to contact the police in case of emergencies and critical situations.

On the same day, in the post noon hours, a painting activity was organised on the theme of 'child rights' near MSS Institute of Social Work, Bajaj Nagar by Nagpur CHIDLINe partners where children were given painting kits to paint on single large cloth. Children painted a number of paintings that depicted their perception of child rights.

A child rights poster exhibition and street play was organized at Samvidhan Chowk on 20th November in collaboration with CHIDLINe partners. The ICID volunteers and team members put up a street play on child rights.

A child rights hoarding was displayed at Guddigodam during the week by the organization. The hoarding appealed the people not to exploit children for commercial gains but respect their rights and protect them and educate them.

Children's Group Meetings

Three meetings with children from Ganga Nagar, Gond Moholla and Vandevi Nagar were conducted in the month of April, May and August 2014. Children were motivated to form groups for protecting their rights.

Summer Camp

Three days summer camp was organised in the month of April 2014 in Hazaripahad slum. The sessions were based on personality development, importance of family life and child sexual abuse. The children were also engaged in drawing and painting. Forty three children participated in the camp.

CHILDLINE Awareness during Durga Utsav

Awareness program was conducted at Vandevi Nagar, Nagpur on 27th September 2014. CHILDLINE awareness was done during Durga Utsav program. CHILDLINE messages were announced through loud speakers. Quiz competition for children and community members was organized. During the program CL team sensitized community members on sanitation through plug cards and pictures.

Road Safety Week

Road safety week was observed in Vishakha Uchha Prathamik Shala, Indira Mata Nagar on 14th March 2015, where 232 children were sensitized regarding traffic rules and safety measures.

Medical Health Check up Camp

A medical health check up camp was organized for 70 children 21st January 2015 in a brick kiln area in Vinobhabhave Nagar. Skin and respiratory infections were detected and treated among children.

Drawing Competition for Children

A drawing competition on the theme of 'child rights' was organized in Matoshri Parwatabai Wanjari High School, Jaripatka on 13th January 2015 where 48 children participated. Drawing kits were provided for the children. Sports material was distributed as prizes for the children. CHILDLINE information was given to the children on this occasion.

Case Studies

Child Labour

Ramesh (Name changed), a 10 year old boy, was found working in a restaurant with his relatives. His task was to make tea and serve it for the customers. During the outreach, the CL team interacted with the boy. He informed them that he had come from Alahabad with two of his friends in search of a job. The labour department, CWC and DCPU were informed about the boy. The CWC issued an order to the police and labour department to rescue the child immediately. The child was rescued and produced before the CWC. But the child denied that he was employed at the restaurant and stated that he lived with his sister and brother-in-law in the city. FIR could not be filed due to the statement of denial of his employment by the child. The CWC provided temporary shelter to the child in Government junior boy's home. Later parents were called from Uttar Pradesh state and after having signed a bond stating that they will not make the child work, the child was handed over to the parents.

Rescue from Abuse

Namita (name changed), a 15 year old girl, hailed from a broken family in the city. She was under the care of her maternal aunt. Her cousin sister informed the CHILDLINE that the child liked speaking over the phone for long hours to men as she had contacts with many of them. She was counselled a few times by the relatives. She did not listen to the advice of her relatives and change her behaviour. She was being sexually abused by men who gave her gifts. The CL team interacted with the child. She confirmed that her behaviour was inappropriate but she felt helpless. She informed that a lady in the neighbourhood influenced her and introduced her to men to have physical relations with them in exchange of gifts. She liked the gifts and became addicted to them. She began liking the abuse. She was counselled by the CL team. When the CL team contacted her

relatives, they refused to care for her. The child was referred to CWC for shelter. She has been placed in Government girls' home. Regular follow up is being done.

Medical

Swastika (name changed), a 3.5 years old child, was suffering from heart disease. She had to undergo surgery. The economic condition of the family was poor. CL team explained the family about Rajiv Gandhi Jiwandai Yojna. The family of the child did not have ration card. They were guided to procure a ration card after which they can avail the RGJY and the surgery can be done. CHILDLINE team helped the family to make ration card with the help of the ward member. After a month the child was referred to RGJY for medical help. The child was operated successfully with financial support from the scheme. CHILDLINE also provided support for nutrition and medicines.

Shelter

Priyanka (name changed), 10 years old child along with her two sisters were referred to CHILDLINE by a labour officer from Nagpur labour office. The CL team visited the children and found that they had lost their father and their mother had deserted them to live with another partner. The children even though lived with their relatives; they were completely neglected and lived on rag picking. The CL team convinced the relatives to take care of the older girl who was 17 years old and was unwilling to go to children's home. They produced other two children before CWC and placed them in children's home in Katol, Nagpur.

Other Programs

Deepshikha

The Deepshikha program was being implemented in the slum communities of Tulsi nagar, Bandewadi. Through regular community outreach, the program team kept check on school dropout, communicable diseases, child marriage; immunization etc. 13 children were referred to CHILDLINE for emergency medical assistance. The families and over 500 community members were sensitized regarding child protection. 23 children were prepared for the formal schooling through kindergarten. 53 children were registered for the library and utilized the facility. Most of the children preferred the books that were useful for essay writing or contained general knowledge. Younger children liked reading story books and comics. Female youth were interested in reading books related to beauty therapy, cooking and craft. 15 young women were trained in tailoring. The two adolescent groups of girls regularly organized meetings and discussed their issues. They were guided in handling peer pressure, being assertive, dealing with eve teasing, and personal safety by the ICID social worker. Various days and festivals were celebrated including Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanthi, Teachers' Day, Children's Day and International Women's Day, Christmas, Rakshabandhan, Makarsankranti and Holi.

Asha

The centre in Hazaripahad prepared 25 children for main stream schooling. 67 children utilized the library facility developing their reading habits. A number of programs, such as Children's Day, Independence Day, Republic Day and International Women's day were celebrated.

Street Outreach Program

Regular outreach was conducted around the Nagpur railway station catering to the children of migrants. They were engaged in different games and creative activities and were given first aid. The parents and the children were petitioned to pursue schooling and avoid begging and rag picking.

Summer Camps

Four summer camps were organized for three days each in Hazaripahad, Tulsi Nagar, Vishwas Nagar and Indira Mata Nagar with the participation over 300 children, focusing on personality development, child sexual abuse, importance of family life and the prevention of tuberculosis. They were taught paper mache doll making, flower pot painting and poster making.

Annual Day

The annual day of the organization was celebrated in YCH on the 8th of December 2014. The YCH children staged a number of dances, songs and a short play signifying the importance and dignity of girl child. It was an excellent forum for the children to exhibit their talents, interact over 200 guests and enjoy the day.

Bal Mela (Children's Festival)

The YCH children participated in the children's festival organized by the organization in the month of December 2014 which had the participation of over 400 children from the target communities of the organization at Seminary Hill, Nagpur. It was a platform for the children to gain self-confidence, express themselves and have a day full of fun with educational film, pictorial informative stalls on child rights, health and hygiene. Children played free of cost games in the games stalls and won prizes. The YCH children staged dances and a short play on girl child.

Life Skill Education (LSE) in NMC schools

LSE was organized in 5 NMC schools for high school children in the months of January and February 2015. Topics like personal cleanliness, environment protection, and peer pressure, being assertive and saying no in difficult situations were dealt with.

Educational Sponsorship

Thirteen children and youth were supported for education. Two youth were supported for the BSW course. Others were supported for school fees, boarding fees, tuition fees, education material and personal accessories. Three girls were financially supported for a fashion designing course in Wardha.

Self Help Groups

Five SHGs have been functional through the year. They had regular meetings, savings and internal lending. Nirmaljyothi SHG had savings of Rs.33000/- of which Rs.32000/- was lent to the members during the year. The Bhimjyothi SHG had savings of Rs.13000/- during the year.

Team Capacity Building

The team was taken for a retreat to New Delhi in the month of April 2014. Two days training was organized in the month of July 2014 on project planning and implementation, community mobilization and leadership. The team participated in a 'three days' training on child sexual abuse organized by Varadaan Organization in Nagpur in the month of August 2014. A workshop on life skill education was organized for the team in November 2014.

Volunteers

Over 40 volunteers from Make A Difference, Social work colleges and Pilar Niketan visited the children every week during the year and conducted various activities like coaching classes, skill building, sports and singing.

Eleven students and four teachers of St. Dominic's Priory College, South Australia spent for about a week with YCH children, giving them a fun filled week with games and other activities, making them feel respected and touching their lives.

Four students from the Saphir college of Social Work, Israel spent six days with the children and taught them the steps to realize their dreams.

A lady student from the Don Bosco Institute of Social Work and a student from Hindi Vishwa Vidyalay were placed in YCH for a month as part of their block placement in the month of May 2014.

Conclusion

The participation of the children, youth and women in disadvantaged situations in all the programs of ICID was very satisfactory as most of them realized the importance of ICID programs in protecting their rights. The child parliament in YCH has been vibrant. The women in program areas have realized the need for their economic independence and have been quite vocal about their rights and their contribution in their family life. But at the same time there were a number of challenges faced by the ICID team. For Manini 2, it was the preoccupation of women in household chores and farm related work. The pre-existing political rival groups in the project areas were also a hindrance to a certain extent in the effective implementation of the activities. For Nirmaljyothi, it was the lack of cooperation from the parents due to their illiteracy and misconceptions related to theft of children if they left their parents. Youth also lacked interest in skill development and vocational trainings as they were addicted to tobacco and alcohol consumption and found it easier to earn quick money for it from daily labour. ICID acknowledges the commitment and hard work by the team that has brought about desired results.

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